

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Subodh K. Raniwala	)	
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Application No. 10/606,439	)	Examiner Niki Marina Eloshway
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Confirmation No. 2930	)	Art Unit 3781
	)	
Filed June 26, 2003	)	
	)	
For: Hot Fill Container and Closure and Associated	)	
Method	)	

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Final Office Action mailed February 26, 2009. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date. Additionally, a petition for a one (1) month extension of time has been filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, the time period for response is June 26, 2009, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.